Construction of Koel Karo Hydel Project

788. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether Government had taken over the responsibility of construction of Koel Karo Hydel project and what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project is to be implemented in the Central Sector by the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation Limited. The local people are opposing the acquisition of land for the project. Some of the affected land owners have also filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court an dthe matter is *sub judice.*

Loan from World Bank for development of coal mines

789. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has been bringing pressure on India to increase the price of coal in order to be eligible for a Rs. of 300 crore loan for the development of two coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, which are these projects and details of the aid sought from the World Bank; and

(c) Government's reaction to their conditions?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The World Bank has already sanctioned two loans, one amounting to US $ 151 million for Dudichua opencast mining project and the other of US $ 248 million for the Jharia coking coal projects. Two more projects namely, Gevra Expansion and Sonepur Bazari have also been appraised by the World Bank and details are under discussion.

(c) Does not arise.

Oil found on the Coast of Orissa

790. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil has been found out in sea on the Coast of Orissa and West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what is the progress so far made in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA *SHEKHAR SINGH*): (a) No commercial discovery has been made.

(b) Exploratory efforts are continuing in the basin.

Accumulated losses of IDPL

791. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI O. J. JOSEPH:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector IDPL have failed to cut down its losses and have asked the Government to write off its accumulated losses;

(b) if so, what is the total loss of the unit;

(c) whether Government have agreed to write off the losses suffered by IDPL;

(d) if so, whether similar relief to other public sector units in the country running into losses is also proposed to be given by Government; if so, what are the details thereof stating the overall losses proposed to be written off; and

(e) the measures contemplated by Government to overhaul the entire management of IDPL and other public sector units in the country to make them financially viable?